

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."
—PROVERBS.

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SWISS AND GERMAN CONFERENCE, HELD AT BERN, SWITZERLAND, JUNE 6, 1875.

Sunday, June 6, 1875.

Elders from Utah present: Joseph F. Smith, President of the European Mission; John U. Stucki, Pres. of the Swiss and German Mission; John J. Walser, Pres. of the West Swiss Conference; Henry Eyring, Pres. of the German Conference; F. M. Lyman, Pres. of the Nottingham Conference; E. N. Freeman, Pres. of the Sheffield Conference; John H. Smith, of Birmingham, and M. H. Hardy of London Conferences.

2 p.m.

The choir sang—

We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet,
To guide us in these latter days.

Prayer by Elder Henry Eyring.
Singing.

The Sacrament was administered by Elders Walser and Eyring.

Pres. J. U. Stucki said that it was a great blessing for us to assemble ourselves under such propitious circumstances, when it is our privilege to have in our midst one of the TWELVE Apostles and other brethren from Zion, a privilege which our ancestors sought for, but never obtained. Although they are not able to speak to

us in the German language, yet we shall be favored to hear them speak, and will receive the interpretation through brother Eyring. We have partaken of the Sacrament, united ourselves in prayer, and can enjoy the blessings of the holy Spirit. We should give heed to the whisperings and the guidance of the Spirit, in order that it may operate through us with great power from time to time. We should always so live, that the Holy Ghost may rest upon us and purify our hearts, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Spirit. We live in a time when we are not dependent upon the Bible for instructions, but we have with us the *Living Oracles*, the Apostles and servants of God, who guide and instruct us. We have partaken this afternoon of the Sacrament and thereby renewed our covenant with God, to serve him with all our hearts, during our whole lives. We should not transgress the laws of God, lest we become covenant breakers. It is our duty to learn to know ourselves, not to rely upon our own strength, but to be constantly humble and grateful, in order that we may

not be overcome by Satan in the moments of our weakness. We should seek to keep within our hearts the light of eternal truth. We shall now present before the Saints the authorities of the Church, for their approval or disapproval; we have perfect liberty to either sustain or reject them, but if we sustain them we should ever afterwards feel to uphold them, with our faith, prayers and works.

The authorities were then presented by Elder Eyning, and unanimously sustained by all the Saints present, as follows:

Brigham Young, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George A. Smith and Daniel H. Wells his Counselors; Lorenzo Snow, Brigham Young, Jun., Albert Carrington, John W. Young and Geo. Q. Cannon, Assistant Counselors.

John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Orson Hyde, Orson Pratt, Sen., Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Geo. Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, Jun., Joseph F. Smith and Albert Carrington, Members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

John Smith, Patriarch of the Church. Elias Smith, President of the High Priests' Quorum, and Edward Snelgrove and Elias Morris, his Counselors.

Joseph Young, President of the first Seven Presidents of the Seventies; Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Albert P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates and John Van Cott, members of the first Seven Presidents.

Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop; Leonard W. Hardy and Robert T. Burton, his Counselors.

All other authorities in Zion were sustained as at the last General Conference.

Joseph F. Smith, President of the European Mission, John U. Stucki, Pres. of the Swiss and German Mission, Frederick Theurer, President of the East Swiss Conference, John J. Walser, Pres. of the West Swiss Conference, Henry Eyning, President of the German Conference and Secretary of the Mission, John Schieas,

Caspar Bally, Henry Stocker, Traveling Elders. The Presidents of Branches and local Priesthood as they now stand.

Elder Jacob Zundel was released to return home with the June 16th company.

Pres. Smith: I am very much pleased with the opportunity I have of meeting with my brethren and sisters in Bern. I would be still more pleased if I were able to make myself understood in your own language; but as I am not able to do so, I will endeavor to speak a few words in my own language that brother Eyning may interpret to you. It is one of the greatest privileges that was ever enjoyed by man on the earth to be numbered with the Saints of Latter-days. I rejoice above everything else for the privilege that I have of living in this day and age of the world and being numbered with the Latter-day Saints. Through the Gospel of Jesus we shall receive every blessing that we will ever enjoy in the world to come. And all the blessings that we enjoy in this life whether they be few or many, and all that we should enjoy, that we are deprived of unrighteously will be given to us through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in no other way.

We are united together in the bonds of the new and everlasting covenant; and although we are born in different countries, and speak different languages, we are one family when we are united in this bond of this new and everlasting covenant. We have been baptized into one baptism. We worship the same God. We enjoy the gifts of the same spirit and we see and understand the principles of the Gospel alike as far as we enjoy that self-same spirit—the gift and power of the Holy Ghost. Therefore we stand together unitedly with the authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as they are now organized on the earth. In the land of Utah, we meet together in Conference and hold up the right hand as a sign and witness unto God that we will sustain, by our faith and prayers, the authorities of the Church. We meet together here this afternoon, in this distant land, far from the land where the Church is

gathered together, and here we lift our hands, in the same manner, as a witness to God that we will sustain the authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This sign implies a covenant with God: and when we offer this sign to the Lord, we make a covenant with him, or we enter into agreement with our Father in heaven, that we will do what we profess or promise to do. Therefore it is of the greatest importance for us to observe carefully this covenant we enter into before the Lord: for the Lord will hold us responsible for this covenant, and if we carry it not out we will come under condemnation before him; but if we carry it out in our lives we are entitled to his blessings to help us therein. I wish it were possible for me to speak directly to you. I feel in my heart a desire to preach the Gospel and bear my testimony to the people. I know that "Mormonism" is true. I have received a testimony of this from the Lord, and am called to be a witness of the truth unto the inhabitants of the earth. And I bear testimony to you, my brethren and sisters here assembled, that God our Father in heaven has revealed himself to man in our day; that he has raised up Prophets, and has given the Priesthood unto man; that Apostles have been called and ordained—that they do bear the Holy Priesthood—the authority to minister in the ordinances of the Gospel as men of God did of old. A portion of that Priesthood, and authority, will be conferred upon every man that embraces the Gospel of Jesus Christ with full purpose of heart, for it is written we shall become "Kings and Priests unto God." It is necessary however that we should gather together in one place wherever the Lord may designate, that we may there build Temples unto the name of the Lord, and go forth in authority and administer in the ordinances of the Gospel, which are necessary for the salvation of the children of men. To this end I desire to recommend you my brethren and sisters to labor diligently and be economical, wise and prudent with your means, that you may preserve that which the Lord blesses you with, that you may gather up to Zion. But

when we gather we should not go for riches, nor with a view to benefit solely our temporal condition, but we should go with a desire and determination in our hearts to build up the Kingdom of God, "then all other things will be added unto us," in the due time of the Lord, according to our faithfulness before him.

The Lord deals with the people upon natural principles, and that which appears to be miraculous to us, is perfectly plain and clear to the Lord, because he understands it. Speaking in tongues, healing the sick, prophesying, doing all manner of wonderful works as Jesus did anciently, would be no mystery to us, if we understood them as Jesus understood them. And when the gift of tongues, of prophecy, of healing the sick or any other gift and blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which are the fruits of the Holy Spirit, are enjoyed by the Saints, it is for the purpose of strengthening their faith, encouraging them in the good work they are engaged in, and causing their hearts to rejoice. There was no gift or blessing enjoyed by the ancient Saints under the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that you may not enjoy as freely as they did. But we must live worthy of those blessings, in order to enjoy the spirit which will enable us to receive them.

We no longer need to walk in the dark, for God has revealed himself, and the light has come into the world, and we that have embraced the Gospel are under obligations to the Lord, and to our fellow-beings in the world, to make known to them the principles of the Gospel as far as it lies in our power. My advice then to my brethren and sisters here to-day is, to live the religion of Jesus Christ, that your works and your actions may be a continual sermon to the people that know you; that the world may see your good works and come forth and glorify God. May the Lord bless you and pour out his spirit upon you, keeping you in the paths of truth and righteousness; enable you to stand firm and steadfast in the faith, gather up to Zion and do the work that is necessary to be done for your own salvation and that which is necessary to be done for your dead.

I want to say to my brethren and sisters here to-day that it is desirable that every one of you, men and women, become preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and this I want you also to remember that there is no way in which you can preach the Gospel so effectually as by living up to the principles of the same yourselves. Then your neighbors will see your good works and they will know that you are benefited by the reception of the Gospel. They will see from necessity that as the Gospel has benefited you, it will benefit them, if they will receive it.

The object of the Mission of the Elders to this land is to spread the Gospel among the people. And you, now, who have embraced the Gospel should join hand in hand with these Elders from Zion, and labor with all your might to preach the Gospel and help to spread the truth among your

friends and neighbors. We can not do anything for the advancement of the Kingdom of God on the earth, but what we will receive directly from the Lord for that labor, for God will reward us according to our works, and he will bless us according to our faith, he will multiply and increase our blessings according to our diligence. Therefore be faithful my brethren and sisters, be honest and virtuous, and turn away from every manner of evil. Put wickedness aside and trample it under your feet, that you may live pure lives before the Lord; then you will be like a "city set on a hill" that cannot be hid. God bless you, my brethren and sisters, and help you to be efficient laborers in the vineyard of the Lord for the gathering in of the honest in heart, that all may be saved, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE SWISS AND GERMAN MISSION, FROM JANUARY 1st TO MAY 31st, 1875.

STATISTICAL.

Conferences and Branches.	Elders.	Priests.	Teachers.	Deacons.	Members.	Total.	Cut Off.	Baptized.	Died.	Emigrated.	Presidents of Conferences and Branches.
Bern and Jura Conference											John J. Walser.
Bern	1	2	5	1	52	61		6			John Zahler.
Biel	1	1	3		18	23	4				Abraham Bloesch.
Chaux de Fonds	2	1	4	1	28	36		6		3	Jacob Beck.
Geneva	2	2	2		24	28		3			James Portmann.
Langnau	1	2	4		31	38		19			Daniel Bieri.
St. Imier	2	1	1		29	33	1	2		2	Martin Steiner.
Traverthal	1				14	15					Frederick Bentler.
Thun-Simmenthal	3	1		1	45	50		9			John Hinnen.
Scherli	3		5	1	40	49	2		1		Christian Murri.
East Conference											Frederick Theurer.
Zuerich	2	2	4		61	69	3	8			Joseph Gerstner.
Winterthur	5	2	3		41	51					Conrad Vaterlaus.
Herisau	1		2		31	34		9	1		Conrad Keller.
Toggenburg	1	1	3		22	27		4			Rudolf Sutter.
Graubunden	1		1		6	8					George Allemann.
Rheinthal	2		1		30	33		1			John Bohner.
German Conference											Henry Eyring.
Carlsruhe	4	1	2		20	27		6			John A. Krauth.
Muenchen	1				7	8					Joseph Oheim.
Ravensburg	1				10	11					John Eisenmann.
Total	34	14	40	4	509	601	10	73	2	5	

From Utah: 2 High Priests, 2 Seventies, 1 Bishop.
Native Traveling Elders, 3.

JOHN U. STUCKI, President.
JOHN J. WALSER, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.—RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	1,000.00
Tithing account	2,399.67
Individual Emigration Deposits	20,080.07
Donations, and from all other sources	2,478.07
Total	Fr. 25,957.81

DISBURSEMENTS.

On <i>Stern</i> account	383.60
Rents and General Mission Expenses	1,723.45
Individual Emigration Deposits on hand	20,080.07
Mission Fund	3,770.69
Total	Fr. 25,957.81

Elder Walser said: He felt well pleased with the opportunity of speaking a few words, and to bear his testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Said that many had seen that the power of God had fled the popular churches of modern christendom and they had longed for the blessings of the true Church. That Church and kingdom and the Zion of God has been established, for the gathering of the Saints, in the Rocky Mountains of North America. Spoke of the strong opposition which has been arrayed against this work, by the powers of darkness, without being able, however, to hinder or destroy it. The work we have to do, is for the living and the dead, which should be a source of great joy to us. We should be willing to suffer all things, for Jesus' sake, for great will be our reward in heaven, if we endure persecution for his sake.

The laws of God are very plain and no one who feels humble need to err therein. We should pray for each other and keep all the commandments of God, then we may expect to be blessed abundantly in all things.

Elder John H. Smith arose and said: "My brethren and sisters, it gives me pleasure to meet with you here in Bern, and to realize the same spirit has animated you as well as myself, in our gathering here, that we may be profited in partaking more fully of the same spirit. In comparing notes, in understanding the feelings and desires that animate our hearts, and in trying to strengthen ourselves in the cause we have espoused, I with the brethren that have preceded me can bear my

testimony to the truth of the work to which we are engaged. I do know that God has again spoken from the heavens, that he has set himself to work to establish his cause in power on the earth, and that he is not dependent upon you or me to bring about his purposes, but I have my own part to perform, and I desire to be united with those who are faithful and are striving for the up-building of his kingdom, and the bringing to pass his great purposes. I fully realize that without always being committed to the right side and striving to overcome every evil that flesh is heir to, that I can not reap the reward of the faithful.

Brethren and sisters, listen to the counsel that you have received from Prest. Smith. Put it into practice in your lives, and the testimony of Jesus will abide in your hearts, and if you will follow out the promptings and teachings of the Holy Spirit, nothing can lead you from the truth, but you will go onward until you will gain eternal life.

Elder F. M. Lyman said: I feel very thankful for this opportunity, my brethren and sisters, of partaking of the welcome you have extended to Prest. Smith. It makes my heart rejoice to witness the expression of your countenances, and good feeling for the servants of God—in adorning this house, and in setting these flowers on the table here. We cannot prize too highly the presence of the servants of the Lord. We cannot listen too attentively to the counsel and instruction they give us. If we will follow their advice and teachings, we

shall be saved in the kingdom of God. We have received the testimony of Jesus, the Spirit, truth, and the knowledge of this work, by obeying the word of the Lord, and the commandments he has given through the Prophet Joseph Smith; and as we desire eternal life, salvation, exaltation, and freedom from sin, sorrow, pain and death, we must attend faithfully to the commandments of the Lord, live our religion, even the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation.

The Spirit we have received is from the Lord; it gives us knowledge; it enlightens the mind; it gives comfort to the heart; it enables us to accomplish good, resist evil, and overcome the world; it will enable us to bear all that may be put upon us by the world; it will enable us to help to build up the kingdom of God, and to redeem ourselves and our dead. The Gospel makes us a very peculiar people to the world. It draws down upon us the ill-feelings of the evil ones that are in the world to-day, but it will secure unto us the assistance of the Lord, of good men, and the angels. We should prize the Gospel. We should prize the truth, and the Spirit of the Lord, and the gifts thereof, which God gives us. Above all things upon the earth we should be willing to sacrifice everything for our eternal welfare and salvation in the kingdom of God, and in due time you will go where every Latter-day Saint will be proved to the core, and the only way for us to be able to stand the trials and tests that will be placed upon us, is for us to be faithful in our every day duties, by observing the counsels of the Lord in our midst, keeping the "*Word of Wisdom*," paying our *Tithing* that we may "be blest" as Bishop Hunter says, and do what we can to support the work of the Lord.

We must bear in mind that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will never allow us to do wrong, or commit sin, but it requires us to be honest and God-fearing in all things. All men find themselves sinners in the world, and many desire a remission of their sins. The Son of God died, and his blood was shed that you and I might have remission of sins, and the only way for us to have the advantage and benefit of

this offering, which the Son of God has made, is to keep his commandments. We must walk in the light. We must be pure and holy in our desires, believe and be baptized, then the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. If we take this course we shall be gathered to the land of Zion, for the Lord will never allow us to be left in Babylon. It is a singular doctrine to the world—this gathering together of the Latter-day Saints. But it is of vital importance to us, for God has commanded it. This is not a requirement originating with President Young and the Twelve Apostles, but it is a requirement of the Lord to all the honest in heart. His object is to have us build up the Kingdom of God, and to establish us where we may learn to walk in "His paths," and where we can become one, and can labor for the building-up of the Kingdom of God, and not for the building-up of Babylon, as we are doing to-day here in the world. It is pleasing to me, and I prize it very highly, as Prest. Smith has said, to be numbered with the Latter-day Saints, and to be considered worthy to bear the Holy Priesthood of God, and to speak in his name. And I testify to you, my brethren and sisters to-day, that this is the Church and Kingdom of God, and that it has been established by the Lord, and not by man. That Joseph Smith was a Prophet of the true and living God, the same as Moses was a Prophet of God, and as Noah was a Prophet of God; and he did not establish the work himself but he did what the Lord would have him do, and the same is true of Prest. Young. He is a Prophet of the Lord. He stands at the head of the kingdom of God to-day on the earth.

The Quorum of the Twelve stand to the Church as the Apostles did in the days of Jesus. And there are no other people on the earth but the Latter-day Saints, who have this organization. And we can not prize it too highly, for in it there is salvation. When we have the privilege of hearing the servants of the Lord, we should prize such privileges very highly, for they come to us as the representatives of the Lord in his stead. And when you honor them, when you obey them

and listen to their instructions, you listen to and obey the voice of the Lord. This is my testimony to my brethren and sisters to you to-day.

May the Lord bless you, and enable you to go to Zion, that you may assist

in the building up of the kingdom of God on the earth, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Freeman.

WOMAN'S VOICE.

The *EXPONENT* is my favorite paper: I realize how unfit I am to write, still as all have been invited to do so, I trust I may benefit myself, and I ask my kind readers to be patient, and not think I write for notoriety; but because it is a duty and to me a pleasure when my simple thoughts can do any good even to one of the least. I take great delight in reading our paper (if I may be allowed to say so) and I really believe if the young ladies in Utah were to read it more, and leave trash alone, fewer would go to ruin. It makes my heart ache when I realize how reckless and indifferent the girls are both in the cities and villages; I cannot see much difference between the two places. They seem to think that life is long, and there is plenty of time to prepare for eternity. Though wherever there has been Retrenchment Associations organized it has caused them to reflect more upon their duties as daughters of Zion. Many girls every year marry those who care not for God or man, and who cannot save themselves, much less assist them in the work of redemption. Do girls who act thus realize for a moment what they are doing? Some will say, "I would rather marry one of our faith, but then if I should chance to love one opposed to it, I should certainly be the wife of the one I loved whether he were Gentile or Jew." "Religion" they say, "should not interfere where happiness and the heart are concerned," and if one regards love as many do they might be justified. Yet I am inclined to believe that if such persons were to live prayerfully and humbly before our Heavenly Father and keep the company of true Saints, they would not be troubled with the fitful passions formed for strangers. Love is pure

and holy and I cannot call this feeling love. Love is an attribute of the Deity and is rarely formed instantly, and it can only be founded on true merit, as I understand it. Yet the name of this sacred feeling has been substituted as an excuse for the most unhalloved passion. Love would ever seek to bless, not to ruin or bring disgrace. Again some young ladies will say, "One might as well marry a Gentile as an indifferent Mormon." I do not know that there is any necessity of doing either. In the first place, it is the duty of every woman to be a Saint herself, then if she is careful in her choice, she may get a husband who feels the same; and even should she be so unfortunate as to get one who is not worthy, her motives were pure and she commits no sin. When she acts in open rebellion against the commands of her Creator how great is her sin against herself, her children, and the laws of God. The man to whom she gives her life may be really an honorable man, a good citizen possessing many good traits of character; still he is unworthy to be the companion of a true-hearted daughter of Zion. Our friend "Beth" has advised all, not to marry without love, and while I readily endorse that advice, I would add, be sure you know who you are loving and what is the foundation of the sentiment. Don't fancy you must marry one you have no right to, because of this mis-called feeling. Keep your hearts free to receive the affection of the noble and just, and remember that this sudden infatuation for a fascinating appearance is not going to give you future satisfaction and happiness. Then dear sisters, let us all try to be worthy our profession. — *Woman's Exponent.*

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MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1875.

OUR VISIT TO THE DANISH AND SWISS MISSIONS.

HAVING recently returned from a visit to Denmark and Switzerland, a brief sketch of the same may not be uninteresting to the readers of the STAR.

We left Liverpool on the evening of May 15th for London, where, on the day following, we attended the Annual London Conference, in Horn's Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park Road, which was one of the most interesting Conferences we have attended in Great Britain, owing to the good spirit which prevailed throughout the day, and the goodly numbers in attendance, the minutes of which have already appeared in the STAR. Being Whitsuntide, Monday was observed as a general holiday—a general holiday in London, although perhaps not a rare occurrence, is an event of considerable magnitude, the like of which is seldom witnessed elsewhere. We succeeded, however, in making arrangements for our departure by the steamer *Virgo*, Capt. Watts, for Hamburg, on Wednesday the 19th. On Tuesday morning we received a telegram from Liverpool announcing the expected arrival in the evening of a company of Elders on missions to Europe; desirous of seeing these brethren and arranging their several appointments, we met them on their arrival at Liverpool about 10 p.m., enjoyed an agreeable visit with them until an early hour in the morning of Wednesday the 19th, during which time their appointments were arranged, and lodgings procured for the remainder of the night. Ten o'clock the same morning found us again in the great metropolis, and in a few hours afterwards we were moving down the Thames, as per previous arrangement. Our voyage to Hamburg was exceedingly pleasant and shorter than usual, the weather being warm and beautiful, with a calm, smooth sea. At Hamburg we took train for Kiel, where we again embarked on the morning of the 22nd. Just before daylight, as our vessel, the *Hermod*, was steaming out of Kiel bay, a terrible crash and a sudden cry of distress was heard from under the starboard wheel-house. It was soon ascertained that a small row-boat had passed under the paddle-wheel and was completely demolished, its inmate, who it was afterwards reported was a boatman residing at Kiel, perished in the disaster. The vessel's boat was lowered and search made, but no trace of him could be found; the atoms of the unfortunate little boat only being visible, floating upon the water. This sad occurrence cast a gloom over all on board. We were met at the station in Copenhagen by Prest. C. G. Larsen, Elders P. C. Geertsen, A. R. Andersen, J. C. Gustavsen and others from Zion, who welcomed us to Denmark. In the evening a general Priesthood Meeting of the Conference was held in the Saints' meeting-house, at

which the Presidents of the various Branches made their reports, and other business of the Conference was transacted, after which some very excellent and good-spirited instructions were imparted by Prest. C. G. Larsen; also by Elder K. Petersen, the President of the Conference. The reports showed the Copenhagen Conference to number 959 souls; 71 persons having been added by baptism within the past six months.

On Sunday, the 23rd, at 10 a.m., the Annual Copenhagen Conference convened, in M. Hansen Gissimann's "Large Hall," Fredericksborg, there being a good attendance of Saints and strangers, all of whom paid profound attention throughout. The financial and statistical reports of the Conference were presented and unanimously accepted. Elders J. M. Larsen, K. Petersen, C. G. Larsen and A. R. Andersen addressed the meeting with great freedom, and in demonstration of the power of the Holy Ghost. At the afternoon meeting the authorities of the Church were presented to the Conference, and unanimously sustained. The large room was full, a goodly proportion of the congregation being strangers. The meeting was addressed by ourself, Elders F. M. Lyman and John H. Smith, Elder P. C. Geertsen interpreting with great freedom, followed by Elders J. Frantzen and J. C. Gustavsen. The congregation evincing intense interest, by paying marked and eager attention to every word spoken.

The evening meeting was addressed by Elders E. N. Freeman, M. H. Hardy, P. C. Geertsen, K. Petersen and Prest. C. G. Larsen. The house was filled to overflowing, the people standing in the aisles and in the hall outside. The spirit of God rested mightily upon the Elders, and the congregation partook richly of the blessed influence, not a single circumstance occurred to disturb the peace or mar the harmony of the proceedings throughout the day; and a time of rejoicing and profit was experienced.

On the Monday evening the Branch choir, under the efficient direction of brother Adolph Jorgensen, gave a concert in the Saints' meeting room, Frederick-the-Seventh-Street, the room being entirely too small to accommodate the audience, nevertheless an interesting time was enjoyed, listening to songs, glees and recitations, interspersed with a series of dissolving views, particularly interesting to the younger portion of the audience, and to some extent instructive, as showing the geological formation of the earth's strata, with explanations by the exhibitor.

Again on the evening of the 26th, the regular Priesthood meeting was held which was well attended by the local Priesthood, some fifteen Elders from Zion being present. After the usual Branch Presidents' and Teachers' reports, some excellent instructions were imparted by Prest. Larsen and others.

At a Council meeting held in the Office, 14, Lorentzensgade, at which the Elders enjoyed a most instructive and pleasant interview, Elder Theodoer Dedricksen was appointed to take charge of the mission in Iceland; to which he and Elder Samuel Bjarnason had been called at the General Conference in Zion, held in April last, and who were then on their pleasant but distant way. The spirit of the Patriarchs, of Counsel, and of prophecy rested upon all present.

Elder N. C. Flygare was called to succeed Elder C. G. Larsen in the Presidency of [the Scandinavian] mission; the latter after more than two years' faithful and efficient laboring, in the mission being released to return home to

Zion in charge of the first Scandinavian company, to leave Copenhagen June 25th, and Liverpool June 30th instant.

We parted with our brethren at Copenhagen, May 28th, and proceeded by steamer to Stettin, thence by rail *via* Berlin, Magdeburg, Cassel, Frankfurt, and Mannheim to Basel, where we met with Prest. J. U. Stucki and Elder H. Eyring of the Swiss and German Mission.

Here we called on Messrs. Zwilchenbart & Co., Emigration Agents, who received us very cordially. Same day proceeded to Zuerich where we met Elder F. Theurer, and on the following day held a meeting in the 'Saints' Meeting Room, which was well attended by the Saints, and greatly enjoyed, and appreciated by all present; Elder H. Eyring interpreting for us. After a pleasant visit of two days in this vicinity, we proceeded to Bern, *via* Luzern, Alpnacht, Lungern and Brienz, where we met Elder J. J. Walser, and on the 6th inst. attended a Conference of the West Swiss Saints, the minutes of which will appear in the "STAR," commencing in the present number.

Our visit with Presidents Larsen and Stucki and the Elders and Saints in Denmark and Switzerland, was most pleasant and agreeable throughout; and we trust not unprofitable withall.

Truly the Spirit of the Lord is striving with the people. Every where we notice a marked change in the feelings of the people. Religious liberty has increased wonderfully within the last decade, and it is still progressing upon the Continent. The Elders and Saints in Scandinavia to-day, as a rule, enjoy equal rights, and liberties with all or any other denominations of professing Christians, not but what they occasionally meet with opposition and sometimes ill-treatment from bigoted priests and magistrates, but comparatively speaking, they enjoy immunity from the harsh treatment and bitter animus that so persistently followed them in these countries a few years ago; thus giving them a better opportunity to reach the people and promulgate the Gospel.

In Switzerland the same favorable signs appear in a somewhat less degree—but, we sincerely hope, progressing to the full enjoyment of perfect religious freedom. And we confidently believe too that the day of religious liberty has dawned in the mighty Empire of Germany where hitherto the Gospel could not be preached. We look with perfect faith to the approaching time—not remote—but near at hand when the fetters that have bound the people from receiving the fulness of the Gospel of Salvation in those ancient countries will be entirely broken asunder, and the Servants of God shall go forth with the word of life to the teeming millions that have been bound in chains of darkness and error by Priestcraft and Kingcraft for ages past. These fetters may not fall off, of themselves; opposition, persecution and many hardships may have to be met by the Elders in opening the way; but the purposes of God must be consummated, and the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached unto every nation, kindred and people, then shall the end come.

Hereafter the Elders will not stop to ask permission of the Authorities of Germany to preach the Gospel there but they will *go and do it*, the Lord helping them and opening their way. The law gives them the *legal right* and if denied by the bigotry of priest or rulers, contrary to the law, they will claim it at the hand of God, for it is HIS WORK.

From Bern we returned *via* Paris to London, reaching there in time to attend a District Meeting, held in Eastern Hall, Poplar, on Sunday 13th instant, where the outpouring of the good Spirit was powerful and glorious.

On Monday 14th we returned to Liverpool and resumed our duties and labors in this office, in the enjoyment of excellent health and spirits, save the depression caused by the intelligence that President George A. Smith was on the 30th of May dangerously ill.

Zion is onward and upward, let Israel rejoice, and exercise faith for the safety and preservation of the lives of their inspired leaders in the Priesthood.

OPEN AIR SERVICES IN LIVERPOOL.—Elders Edward Hanham, John U. Stucki, Charles E. Griffin, and Joseph H. Parry held a meeting in the London Road, on Thursday Evening the 17th, all of whom, standing on a chair one after the other, addressed the Congregation as Missionaries from "Salt Lake," on the first principles of the Gospel. The people were very orderly and paid serious attention.

It is well for the Elders to thus improve their talents—to earnestly labor to bring to pass the salvation of precious souls. We trust that every Valley Elder in the Mission will have a good report to send us ere long of successful efforts in open-air meetings in their respective fields of labor. God is with the Elders and blessing the Saints. Praise the Lord!

RETURNED.—President Joseph F. Smith returned home on Monday last, the 14th, from his visit to the Churches on the European continent, in the enjoyment of good health and excellent spirits. He found the work of the Lord to be in a prosperous condition in the Scandinavian, Swiss and German missions.

The steamship *Wisconsin*, Guion & Co., under the command of an experienced officer—Captain William Forsyth, left Liverpool on Wednesday last, June 16th, at 5.30 p.m., bound for New York, having on board 167 persons belonging to or connected with our people, namely, 5 returning Missionaries, 104 adults, 46 children, and 12 infants. They were mostly in the enjoyment of very good health and were feeling well in spirit. We hope that by the favor of a kind Providence, they will have a pleasant passage across the Atlantic ocean and a safe journey over the Plains to their mountain home.

On going to press we are happy to learn from the *Salt Lake Herald*, June 3rd, that the health of President George A. Smith was improving.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AMERICA.

No. 8, Battery Place,
New York, May 18, 1875.

Pres. Joseph F. Smith:

Dear Brother,—When I wrote you last I expected to have written to you again in a few days. I caught a severe cold the day I arrived here, it being very wet and cold, and was running about considerably assisting the brethren who sailed for Liverpool. For two days after I kept my room, but am happy to say that I am now

better. My health was very poor while at home, but since I got free from the cold, my health is much improved, and to-day I feel better than I have done for years, for this great blessing I feel truly thankful to my heavenly Father. My prayer is that it may continue, that I may be able to perform the duties incumbent upon me.

I have been appointed to take charge of the Churches in the United States and Canada; to travel amongst the Saints, visit them and the Elders, who have been called upon to preach to

them, as often as I can without interfering with the Emigration business. The President believes that there are many who will join the Church if they hear the Gospel preached by good and faithful Elders.

I find there is quite a change of late in the minds and feelings of the people towards the Latter-day Saints; but little is said against us, public or private. When conversing with people they are willing to listen, and if they do not believe our doctrine they say nothing against it. Many go so far as to say we ought to be left alone, and enjoy our religion as other people are allowed to do. A year ago all who spoke about us thought we ought to leave the United States, and go off upon some island where the heathen only could or would live.

I learn that business at home is better than it was, I hope it is so, for many a good Latter-day Saint was out of work. The farmers too were a little discouraged on account of the dry weather, as no rain had fallen since the Spring. I see by the last papers they have had a good soaking rain, which will bring up the grain that had not sprouted since sown. Many of the crops in the States are light in consequence of the severe winter, in some parts the grasshoppers are eating up everything that is green, and many of the people have left their homes and gone to California, while others are too poor, and are depending on assistance to keep them from starving. The Latter-day Saints when visited with these pests, neither got their sympathy or assistance, but the whole nation has been called upon for help in this case. Thank the Lord we done without it, and have only the Lord to thank that we were preserved.

The Missionaries have just sailed on the S.S. *Wisconsin*, Guion Line.

I am pleased to hear of the prosperity attending your labors and those of the brethren, hope and pray that the Lord will continue to bless you all.

With kind regards and best wishes to all.

I remain yours faithfully,

W. C. STAINES.

Provo City, Utah, May 20, 1875.

President Joseph F. Smith.

My Dear Friend,—I am happy in having the privilege of addressing a few lines to you. I have on several occasions, since my return from the Sandwich Islands, attempted to send a communication to you; but were interfered with at the time and failed to complete the same, hence months have elapsed since then, and I feel chided for neglecting so long to write to you.

You doubtless have frequent communications from your friends here, and being thronged with business, find it difficult to answer all the letters you receive, hence I imagine that my non-communication has not affected you in the least; I have, notwithstanding, often thought of you. I also read with interest the accounts published of the progress of the British Mission; although several years have passed since I left there, after having filled a mission of three years and a-half, my time having been spent principally in the Scottish District where I formed associations that I shall never forget. The two and a-half years I labored in Scotland gave me the greatest scope of information of any subsequent time spent in the ministry, and I look back to-day, with feelings of love and attachment to the Saints who are still there. Nine years out of the last ten years I have spent in the ministry. Do I regret it? No, for I feel as ready and willing to-day to obey a similiar call as ever, and I hope that feeling may never diminish.

While I write the United States District Court for this District is in Session, but the cases on the calendar for this term are law and civil cases. The Grand Jury have been in Session three days, and were released to-day until the September term; having first presented eight indictments. The animus which has characterized the most of the Judges who have sat on the Judicial Bench in this Territory have had a quietus put upon them, and they are left like a city after a severe shock of an earthquake, considerably shattered. This change which has come over the law expounders of Utah is truly remarkable. It not only remains a wonder to this people, but the very element, which supported that

class of dignitaries, seem to outvie us in amazement! In this the people are again, as they often are, reminded of the power which in the early days of this Church, delivered the Saints. Under these Divine Providences, what hinders the faith of the Saints from increasing? As it increases the opposite power dwindles; for, as in former ages, disaffected minds fed the flames of the opposition, culminating in more or less misery to the just; yet in the final defeat of the wicked, so we have witnessed it in this age.

President Young's health and continuation of life is another remarkable defeat to the *wiseacres* who have from time to time, predicted his death and even set the time when such an occurrence would take place, but to-day he is able to visit this city and by all appearance has many years of usefulness to spend among the Saints.

An exploring party from this City returned a few days ago from a tour in the Sevier country with exciting reports of immense coal beds discovered in "Castle" Valley; some most extensive veins were found, surpassing in thickness any others known in this Territory.

A new pass through the mountains for a railroad has also been discovered, which will connect the coal district with the main route. The coal and iron with which these mountains abound will be the chief articles of commerce and wealth to the country. Capital will develop the resources of the Rocky Mountains, and make the interior of Western America the richest part of the continent.

The prospects for grain and fruit in this Territory are excellent this season, and the only fear which impress itself on the fruit growers, is that the moths, as last year, will destroy the apples, but should the general movement made at the April Conference in regard to the destruction of the moths prove effectual, then the apple crop will be very good this season.

From a letter received on yesterday from brother Woolley at Lape, Sandwich Islands, I learn that our mutual friend Brown has willed eight thousand dollars to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Peace seems to prevail throughout Utah.

With kind love—aloha nui—I remain respectfully,
H. H. CLIFF.

AT SEA.

Queenstown, on board S. S. *Wassonsin*,
Thursday, June 17, 1875.

12:10 (Noon)

Prest. Joseph F. Smith.

Dear Brother,—We left our moorings yesterday at 5.30 p.m., and at 8 we called the Saints together and organized with the following officers:

Thomas Hull, clerk and hisorian for the company, which is divided into two wards—English and Swiss—Peter Romeril, Prest. of the English Ward, with Edward Warren officer of the guard, and Joseph Eerstner, Prest. of the Swiss Ward, with Jacob Zwahlen officer of the guard.

We meet for morning prayer at 7, and evening at 8 o'clock.

We moved slowly until we had passed the bar, after which we steamed smoothly and pleasantly along to this place. All are feeling well, very little sea-sickness. Every one is as comfortable as could possibly be expected.

Elders M. H. HARDY,
PETER SINCLAIR,
E. N. FREEMAN,
JACOB ZUNDEL,
join in love.

Your brother,
R. T. BURTON.

ENGLAND.

Nettingham, June 5, 1875.

Prest. Joseph F. Smith.

Dear Brother,—By request of Prest. F. M. Lyman, I take up my pen to inform you how we are progressing in this Conference, trusting that these few lines will find you as they leave me, enjoying very excellent health, which I learn is the case with all my family at home, for which I do feel truly thankful to my Father in heaven, who is the giver of all good gifts.

About four weeks ago we inaugurated a system of open air preaching in all the Branches of this Conference, which is working extremely well. It has been some years since there has been any out of door preaching in this

Conference, except in a very few instances. But of late the spirit and feeling came upon us so forcibly to Preach out-door, that we could not withhold; and on Sunday, May 4th, Prest. Lyman commenced at Langley Mill, and got more strangers out to hear him than would have come to our meeting-house in that place in three months or more. We are opening our meetings all through the Conference with similar success.

On Tuesday the 25th ult., Elder John Squires and myself took train to Burton-on-Trent, 26 miles from here, and called upon brother James Fowkes, who we found awaiting us, and several strangers with him: we walked into the upper part of town, gathering strangers as we went along: we opened our meeting and sang, "Wake, O wake, the world from sleeping!" the people gathered around, and Elder Squires preached a very able discourse to an attentive audience. After meeting, some of the strangers invited us to come and preach to them again; we therefore appointed another meeting for Thursday evening. On Wednesday we walked six miles to Church Gresley, and held a very interesting meeting in the house of brother D. Horkley, the weather being too cold to preach in the open air. On Thursday we walked back to Burton, and held our meeting at the house of brother Fowkes, and preached to a houseful of strangers upon the first principles of the Gospel, and we were highly blessed of the Lord in so doing. After meeting closed, the people did not want to leave us, and we sat and talked and sang with them till 10 o'clock, when they all shook hands and bade us "good night." On Friday I returned to Nottingham to attend to business, leaving Elder Squires at Burton. On Saturday Elder W. A. C. Bryan, who is appointed to labor with us in this Conference, came in from Derby, where he had been visiting some of his wife's relatives, enjoying very good health and spirits. In the evening, at our Council Meeting, Elders were appointed to Preach out of doors at Arnold, Calverton, Long Eaton, Nottingham, Derby and Lewdham. The local Elders felt very well in their appointments, and I advised

them to be very prayerful, and faithful in keeping the commandments of God, setting a good example before the brethren and sisters and the world at large; and as we are now started to preaching in the streets and by-ways, to be very civil, holding no contentions, and speaking against no religion, but to preach the pure principles of the Gospel as it is in Christ Jesus, and the Lord would bless them with words that would strike home to the hearts of the honest.

On Sunday, 30th ult., brother Bryan and I went to Derby, and met with the Saints at 2 p.m., and partook of the Sacrament, all feeling well. At 4 30 p.m., we all went down to the lower end of Brook-street and held our meeting, where I preached to a very attentive audience for an hour, and felt blessed in so doing. At 6.20 p.m., we took train for Burton-on-Trent, and went to brother Fowkes', where we found Elder Squires preaching to a very crowded house of strangers, only four Saints present, and one of them had been confirmed into the Church that day. We had a very excellent time, the Spirit and power of God resting mightily upon us. After the close three names were handed to us for Baptism, and one of the strangers called upon us to bless her two small children, which we did: A goodly portion of the congregation were teachers and members of the Sunday school in that place—very good singers—and they stayed with us and sang for us until 10 o'clock p.m., when they bid us good-by, all feeling happy. We find more of the spirit of inquiry after the truth than there has been, and greater attention paid to our remarks, which makes us feel that the Lord is softening the hearts of the people.

I have now visited all the Branches in this Conference, and find a very good feeling existing in the hearts of the majority of the Saints. O how anxious we are that the Saints should all arouse themselves to diligence, and labor faithfully while it is yet Day, for the night cometh when no man can work, and show to the world in their every action, that the Lord has commenced a marvelous work and a wonder upon the earth; for we feel that

there is great necessity for lively energy and sterling integrity in this our day.

The Scriptures tell us, that as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man; and sometimes when I converse with some of the religionists of the day, they tell me that they have the testimony of Jesus and his Apostles, and all the holy Prophets of ancient times, and do not need modern Prophets and Apostles, that passage of Scripture flashes into my mind very forcibly, and when I look around me as I pass through the streets of the towns and cities I have to visit, I cannot help saying, "How long, O Lord, wilt thou wait for this people to turn from their sins and abominations," for surely the nations of the earth are running headlong to ruin, filled with all manner of abominations. Well

might Peter say, "When once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah," for if the people in those days were any worse than a great portion of the people are now, it must have been very hard for a righteous man to bear.

We are laboring diligently, late and early, by precept and example, trying to show to the people that God has again set his hand to recover the remnant of his people. We get a few to believe in our testimony, and with the help of God, and the faith and prayers of the brethren and sisters, we are living in full hope of accomplishing great good this season.

With much love to you, and all the brethren at 42, in which Elder Squires and Bryan join, I remain your brother in the Gospel,

GEO. L. FARRELL.

UTAH NEWS.

From the *Ogden Junction* :—

COAL AT CEDAR.—From the *Beaver Enterprise* of the 16th inst., we learn that the coal discovery near Cedar is panning out very favorably, and the development increases in promise and in value. From the latest indications about twelve feet further working would bring the miners into the full body of good coal. This will be a big thing for Cedar City.

Some three thousand Mennonites settled last year in the Arkansas valley near the line between Kansas valley and Colorado. They have started a town called Gradana, or "Vale of Peace," which is built after the Russian fashion.

IRON MINES.—The Deseret Mining Company, of which Dr. Sharp is President, is now operating in Hardscrabble district, Morgan county, where it has four mines, the ores of which carry sixty-five per cent. iron besides gold and silver in small quantities. Several hundred tons of ore piled up on the dump.

From the *Salt Lake Herald* to May 30th :—

HIS CONDITION.—The condition of President Geo. A. Smith's health was somewhat improved on Friday (May 28th.) He suffered little pain yesterday.

NOT IMPROVING.—President Geo. A. Smith's health was not so good yesterday (May 29th) as it was on Friday. He is in a critical condition, but hopes are entertained that he will recover.

IMPROVING.—Yesterday (June 2nd) President George A. Smith's condition was much more favorable than for several days previous. He slept some on Tuesday night, and again on Wednesday, and last evening his health was thought to be much improved.

TEMPORARY REMOVAL.—The work of putting up the new building for the Deseret National Bank is to commence immediately, and while the house is being erected, the Deseret will occupy the First National Bank further down the street.